

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend Paragraph starting [0039] as follows:

Similar to the router 17 of FIG. 3, the router 110 of FIG. 5 is initially configured to communicate data packets destined for router 120 via a primary data path. In this regard, prior to a detection of an error condition, the IP stack 52 interfaces a data packet destined for the router 120 with one of the network interfaces 56a or 56b, depending on the data stored in the routing table 59. The foregoing network interface 56a or 56b then provides the data packet to its corresponding virtual circuit 63a or 63b within the frame relay protocol stack 89. The corresponding virtual circuit 63a or 63b that receives the data packet processes the data packet, as described above, and then provides the data packet to frame relay protocol port 66a. The frame relay protocol port 66a then provides the data packet to the T1 interface 74, when which interfaces the data packet with the primary network 22 via connection 31. The network 22 then communicates the data packet to the connection 33, which provides the data packet to the router 120. Note that data may be transmitted from the router 120 to the IP stack 52 of the router 110 in the opposite direction via the same data path.